



The Festival of Families on Saturday night ended in a prayer recited by Pope Francis and accompanied by the families present in Croke Park Stadium.

*God, our Father,*

*We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,*

*One family, in the Spirit of your love.*

*Bless us with the joy of love.*

*Make us patient and kind,*

*gentle and generous,*

*welcoming to those in need.*

*Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.*

*Protect all families with your loving care,*

*Especially those for whom we now pray:*

*[We pause and remember family members and others by name].*

*Increase our faith,*

*Strengthen our hope,*

*Keep us safe in your love,*

*Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.*

*This we ask, through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

*Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us*